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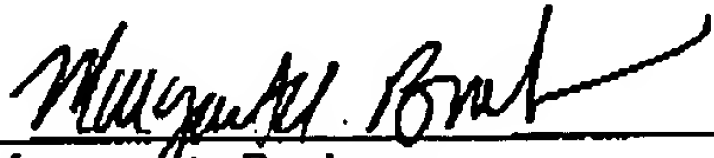
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith in the above-identified application are:

- 1) Response to Requirement for Restriction in reply to Office Action mailed June 30, 2003; and
- 2) Postcard

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

In response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2003, Applicants respectfully respond as follows. This response is timely filed and no extension of time is requested

Claims 1-48 are pending in the application. Claims 1-48 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121.

- I. Claims 1-44, drawn to FILTRATION APPARATUS, classified in class 210, subclass 247.
- II. Claims 45-48, drawn to a METHOD OF FILTERING FLUIDS, classified in class 210, subclass 767.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-44, without traverse.

Applicants provisionally elect the species of Figure 4, on which claims 1, 3-11, 13-21, and 24-44 read. However, Applicants would like to pursue a generic claim on the embodiments shown in the figures.


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